भेड़ की ऊन परियोजना का कार्यान्वयन

4537. **श्री अनंतराय देवशंकर ढवे** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात के कच्छ जिले में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से भेड़ की ऊन परियोजना कार्यान्वित की जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इस परियोजना पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाएगी और इसके अन्तर्गत किन-किन विशिष्ट कार्यों को शुरू किया जाएगा ; और

(घ) इस परियोजना पर अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जा चुकी है और इस संबंध में क्या क्या उपलब्धि प्राप्त की गई है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकटस्वामी) : (क) जी नहीं । इस मंत्रालय द्वारा कच्छ जिले में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से ऐसी कोई परियोजना कार्यान्विय नहीं की जा रही है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Exemption from Hank Yarn Production Obligation

4538. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has proposed that Co-operative Spinning Mills may be exempted from production of hank obligation ;

(b) whether Government have accepted the proposal ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In order to meet the demand of hank yarn from handloom sector and to ensure stability in hank yarn prices, it would not be possible to relax the stipulation laid down by Government of India on the packing of hank yarn by spinning mills including co-operative spinning mills.

Objections Against Indian Textiles

4539. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some developed countries of the West have raised the environmental bogey against Indian textiles ;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any information in this regard and if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) Government are aware of the increasing stress being given by the industrialised countries on environmental standards in respect of textile products imported from developing countries like India. However, no country appears to have passed any law so far in this regard.

Free Trade in Textiles and Clothing

4540. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 6th April, 1994 captioned "Textile trade must be competitive" ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating reaction of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India thereto and the Indian cotton industry to the present textile policy; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any positive steps to accept the challenges of free trade in textiles and clothing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. This news item is essentially a summary of the speech delivered by the Minister of State for Textiles while inaugurating the workshop on "Final GATT Accord : Challenges and Opportunities in textile sector" organised by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India.

(b) and (c) No formal reaction of the Associated Chambers of commerce and Industry of India and the Indian Cotton